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Local Brevities.

Craw Fish, cooked in wine, at the Imperial.

The Children's Operetta—Thursday, June 24th, and Friday, July 1st. Don't forget the dates.

Ernest Linn, a native of Norway, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. Knapp and Miss Cecelia Hakalo of Knappa.

Rev. C. Buchler of Portland will preach in the German Lutheran church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Lost—Lady's watch chain, with small round slide, pearl setting. Finder please return to this office.

At the ice cream social last night at the First Lutheran church there was a large attendance and all present had a good time.

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Four Tibetans Killed.

Gyantse, Tibet, Thursday, June 16. —A force of 300 Tibetans attempted to interrupt a British convoy near here today. Four Tibetans were killed. The convoy arrived here safely.

Watch the dates—Thursday, June 24, and Friday, July 1.

North Head reported at 8:15 o'clock last night that two men-of-war and a cruiser were anchored off Columbia bar. The report caused considerable excitement in town. The fleet is supposed to be the monitor Wyoming and the torpedo-boat destroyers Paul Jones and Preble, which recently touched at California ports. This is the only American fleet known to be in these waters, and the coming of a foreign fleet has not been heralded.

The ladies of the civic improvement committee of the Woman's Club are making every effort to insure the success of the children's operetta, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," to be given at Fishers' opera house on Thursday, June 24, and Friday, July 1. The principals in the casts, and the chorus, are all local children, but are so well trained in their respective parts that they will act and sing in a manner that would do credit to professionals of riper years. The proceeds of the performances, after paying expenses, will be turned over to the civic improvement fund. It is therefore hoped the public will show its interest in the good work by turning out in strength to support the efforts of the ladies of the Woman's Club.

Out of the Hotel Nehalem between two days and a second story window by means of a bedspread made into a rope has been the daring feat of one Joseph Hilton. Hilton took with him his valise and all his belongings, and left nothing but a sad memory and an unpaid board bill. Hilton was behind two weeks in his board and told the proprietor that he would settle yesterday. Friday night he retired at a late hour. Saturday morning it was discovered that he had taken leave without so much as leaving a note behind stating that he had gone to join the angels. Some time during the night he tore the bedspread into strips, tied them together to make a rope, opened the second-story window, fastened one end of the rope to the sill and lowered himself and his valise to the ground below. If that fellow is caught in Astoria he will have to pay for his board and also for the bedspread. But he probably will not be caught.

At the Astoria Savings bank yesterday \$4000 was paid out to the employees of the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing Company. In all about 100 persons benefited by this distribution of funds. The employees paid off yesterday were those who work at the packing house, and who have supplanted the Chinese laborers formerly engaged. Officers of the company say the innovation of employing white labor has proved most successful, and that excellent results are being attained. The growing scarcity of Chinese labor has made white labor quite as cheap as that of the orientals, and the work is done as efficiently as was the case when Chinese received vast sums monthly for packing fish. The company is in flourishing condition and has 180 boats in its employ. The number of stockholders exceeds 400, and at the end of the season it will pay out to its fishermen more than \$150,000, all of which will be kept at home. The business affairs of the concern are in careful hands, and the Co-operative company finds ready sale for all of its product. It has become one of the most substantial packing concerns on the Columbia river, and its present prosperous condition is in marked contrast with its financial status a few years ago, when the Savings bank advanced it money enough to keep it in operation. The Co-op grade of salmon have earned an enviable name throughout the country, and are greatly in demand.

On Tuesday night the gentlemen constituting the sea wall committee will meet at the customs house, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing matters that may be brought before them. The committee is made up of A. Scherneckau, W. H. Barker, G. W. Roberts, R. B. Dyer, C. A. Coolidge, T. H. Curtis, D. H. Welch, W. C. Logan, R. A. Carruthers and Frank L. Parker. Mr. Parker stated yesterday that the last of the replies to the committee's letter had been received, from the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, the Astoria Company and the Clatsop Mill Company. The nature of the replies is a disappointment to the committee, as all of the concerns have failed to commit themselves. The committee had been waiting for the responses of those companies for several weeks, and now that they have been received, the committee is to be called together for the purpose of preparing a final report for presentation to the citizens of Astoria at a mass meeting. At the mass meeting the work of the committee will be made known in detail and it will be definitely decided whether or not the undertaking shall be attempted.

The regular session of the Eagles to be held this afternoon will be made pleasant with a program of interesting events. The local aerie has sent a request to the grand president for permission to take in a class of 50 members at \$5 initiation fee, the aim being to increase the membership to 350. President Wise has received a letter from J. T. Hinkle of Pendleton, who was recently the guest of honor at a session of the local aerie. Mr. Hinkle expresses his appreciation of the courtesy shown him by the Astoria Eagles and incloses an account of the Hinkle day entertainment from the East Oregonian. The Pendleton paper makes flattering reference to the hospitality of the local aerie, saying it may be safely be backed against the world. Mr. Hinkle adds the interesting statement that Pendleton aerie is to have a Wise day, on which the popular head of the Astoria aerie will be the guest of honor.

The Commercial Club baseball team will meet Fort Stevens at the post today. The local aggregation will probably be defeated, as three of its men will be out of the game—Ferguson, Tom Ross and Roxy Graham. The soldiers have whetted their bayonets for this contest and expect to show the visitors some speed. The crowd will go over to the post on the Major Guy Howard, which leaves her dock at 2 o'clock.

The June term of the circuit court will be convened tomorrow. Only civil suits are to be heard at this session.

Councilman Nordstrom is still making figures on the city hall proposition, and every time he revises his exhibit he figures out a more unsatisfactory showing for those councilmen who have set their hearts upon the new hall. Mr. Nordstrom now estimates that the new building will increase the municipal debt \$30,200. He estimates the cost of the structure at \$28,000, the architect's figures, and reckons that the extra cost will be in the neighborhood of \$4000, which is \$6000 less than he really believes it will prove to be. The site cost \$4000 and street improvements will entail the expenditure of \$1200. The cost of the patrol wagon and the salary of the driver will mean \$2000 additional, and the cost of a new engine house and site will be fully \$3500. The cost of securing temporary quarters for the city government will be \$1000, and that of moving the offices into the new hall will be \$500, a grand total of \$45,200. The available cash to pay all this is \$15,000, so the deficit is \$30,200. He figures that at the end of 50 years the new hall be worth nothing. He places the cost of the Flavel brick at \$25,000 and calculates that it will be worth \$50,000 50 years hence. The erection of the new hall, he says, will operate to the injury of the city's financial status and send warrants down below par. He will introduce an ordinance at tomorrow night's meeting of the council authorizing the ways and means committee to purchase the Flavel brick, in this manner putting all of the aldermen on record.

Yesterday afternoon a horse attached to one of Ross, Higgins' delivery wagons ran away and started to clean up the town. Before it had run a block it collided with the horse attached to the wagon of the Crown bottling works. The shaft of the wagon to which the first mentioned horse was attached penetrated the shoulder of the other animal fully 18 inches. The runaway horse then freed himself from the wagon and journeyed to Commercial street and on to Twelfth, where he was stopped by a man who had the necessary nerve. The horse belonging to the bottling works was so badly hurt that it will be necessary to kill him. The injured animal belonged to Louis Boentgen and was driven by Patrick Coe.

Uncle Bill Chance is to turn farmer. Almost a generation ago Mr. Chance followed agricultural pursuits, but forsook the quiet life of the farmer for the more active career of a resident of the bustling city. Now, however, he is going to become a raiser of chickens, and has just purchased from N. P. Sorenson a tract of Seaside acreage, upon which he intends keeping 1000 chickens. He believes the departure will prove a successful one, and hopes soon to have housewives crying for Chance's eggs. Mr. Chance is the venerable bailiff of the circuit court.

The usual weekly card party will be given at St. Mary's hall on Tuesday night. The entertainment will be made the more enjoyable by the rendition of a musical program of merit.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator Jay Tuttle was in Portland yesterday.
E. M. Grimes of Seaside was in the city yesterday.
C. K. Jones of Portland was in the city yesterday.
Alex Young was up from Seaside yesterday on business.
H. M. Westerveldt of St. Paul is in the city on a visit.
Miss Nellie Tabert of Seattle is visiting in the city.
Judge J. J. Brumbach of Ilwaco was in Astoria yesterday.
C. H. McKinney of Ilwaco spent a few hours in the city.
Sergeant Macauley was over from Fort Stevens yesterday.
G. J. Phelan and wife of Seattle are registered at the Occident.
Frank Cook was down from the sealing grounds yesterday.
G. B. Middlebaugh of Detroit, Mich., is registered at the Central.
Charles O. Anderson of Tacoma is visiting relatives in the city.
Mrs. H. G. Williamson of Los Angeles will arrive in Astoria tomorrow for a short visit with friends.
Captain Eric Johnson, the bar pilot, has returned from a visit in California.

Velox Paper.

We will have an expert on Velox Paper give a demonstration on Tuesday, June 21st, from 2 to 5 p. m. Everyone interested in photography cordially invited to attend. Sherman & Thing, Astoria, Ore.

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